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Sir  
Metropolitan Museum of Art,  
New York

Dear Sir:

A large number of silver coins, the tracings of a few of which are enclosed, were recently unearthed in the vicinity of this city, & I would appreciate it greatly if you can give me, without inconvenience to yourself, some information as to their denomination & present market value.

If you have not this information at hand will you kindly give me the name of some reliable person, or dealer, who perhaps can supply it. All these coins - about 250 in number - were dug up by a negro workman & it is to help him realize on their full value that I am writing.

Thanking you in advance for anything you may do, I am,

Very truly yours,

Box 870

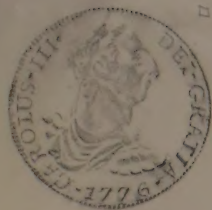
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of Art to the American  
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all silver

millling

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Spanish

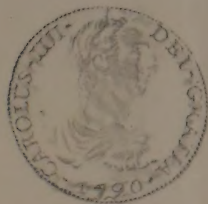


millling - wreaths



millling

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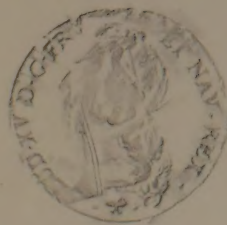


1790



1770

French



1763



millling indistinct

regem - domin - etc



1793



millling

la nation - la loi  
et le roi

L'an 5 de la liberté

July 8th, 1922

Mr. W. A. Hardee  
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 3rd addressed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art has been forwarded to us for reply.

We are interested in the account of the find about which you write, and should like to know if you have assurance that all the pieces found are in the possession of this one negro, and under what circumstances they were found. If it is what is known as a hoard - that is, the buried savings of some individual secreted in an out-of-the-way place, and if the entire lot could be obtained, it would probably have a greater value than if this were not the case.

From the latest coin of which you have sent me rubbings, it would seem that the burying of these coins must have taken place after 1793, because that is the latest date I find. The pieces are all of dollar size and are, as you have indicated, Spanish or French. Are they in fine condition? Condition plays a larger part in value than age. Such large quantities of these coins were struck that they are not rare; but if they are in fine condition, there will probably be some advance over their metal content.

If you will let me have some further information, I can perhaps advise you better regarding the disposition of them.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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